

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A medical instrument comprising:

a first part and a second part which are connected together by a connecting device;  
the first part comprising a retaining chamber for the second part and the second part being seated on the first part by means of at least one shaft end and at least one corresponding shaft end-seating, each of said at least one shaft end and said corresponding shaft end-seating forming a connecting arrangement of the connecting device in the retaining chamber by the at least one shaft end projecting into the shaft end-seating; wherein:

the at least one shaft end-seating has an associated insertion recess with an insertion opening; and

the shaft end is ~~arranged~~ formed on one of the first part or the second part in a one piece manner;

the corresponding shaft end-seating is arranged on the other one of the first part or the second part; and

the shaft end is adapted to be pushed into the shaft end-seating via said insertion ~~[[recess]]~~ opening transverse to a direction of projection of the at least one shaft end in the corresponding shaft end-seating.

2. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein:

the at least one shaft comprise two shaft ends;

said at least one corresponding shaft end seating comprises two corresponding shaft end-seatings; and

said two shaft ends and two corresponding shaft end seatings forming two connecting arrangements on opposite sides of the retaining chamber.

3. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 2 wherein the connecting arrangements on opposite sides of the retaining chamber are in alignment.
4. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second part is connected to the first part via the connecting device in rotatable manner.
5. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the connecting device is in the form of a swivel joint.
6. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the thickness of the second part is adapted to the height of the retaining chamber.
7. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the shaft end-seating is arranged on the first part and the corresponding shaft end is arranged on the second part.
8. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the shaft end-seating is arranged on the second part and the corresponding shaft end is arranged on the first part.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the insertion recess is tapered with a decreasing aperture in the direction of the shaft end-seating.
11. (Previously presented) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the shaft end is tapered in a direction of insertion into the shaft end-seating.

12. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the first part is manufactured from a synthetic material

13. (Original) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second part is manufactured from a synthetic material.

14. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the shaft end-seating is closed with respect to ~~[[the]]~~ an exterior of the first part or the second part on which it is arranged.

15. (Currently amended) A medical instrument in accordance with Claim 1, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the shaft end-seating is open with respect to ~~[[the]]~~ an exterior of the first part or the second part on which it is arranged.